purpose they have a bill already drawn. When the Queen heard of it, she was so highly displeased, for this is a matter directly-opposite to her commands, that she charged the Council to call *the* parties before them Sir Thomas Heneage therefore hath sent for them, and they are commanded to forbear coming to Parliament and not to go out of their lodgings

24*6 *February* THE SPEAKER SICK

This day the House being set and Mr Speaker not coming to the House, some said that they had heard that he was sick, whereon it was moved that the Clerk should in the meantime proceed to the saying of the Litany and prayers Which done, the Sergeant of the House brought word that the Speaker had been this last night and also the piesent forenoon extremely pained with a wind m his stomach and looseness of the body so that he could not as yet without great peril adventure into the air Whereupon all the members of the House being very sorry for Mr Speaker arose and departed away

SIR ROGER WILLIAMS' COUNSEL

Sir Roger Williams writeth his opinion that the greatest danger to England may proceed by the Scots or the Irish, especially by Ireland, where it stands her Majesty upon to make sure of those people by cutting off the principal instruments and persuading the rest of the faction by fair means, if not, immediately with good squadrons of horsemen and footmen, for there is such meanings in them that if 8000 strangers, with the treasure they would carry with them, join them, there will be great mischief The state of France is not too desperate so long as the King keeps the field, and the Spanish do not possess the rest of the parts of Brittany and Normandy , if this were to happen, then

will there be wars in England

25 *th February* MR WENTWORTH BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mr Wentworth, Sir Henry Bromley and two others have been called before some of the Council, being the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Buckhurst and Sir Thomas Heneage, who treated them favourably and with good speeches But so highly was the Queen offended that they said they had no choice but to commit them Whereupon Mr Wentworth is sent to the Tower, Sir Henry Bromley and the others to the Fleet